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The amendment filed on 7/21/03 is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because the amendment is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121. The statement that "claims 13-21 are withdrawn" in paper filed on 7/21/03 makes the status of claims 13-21 incorrect because the claims were cancelled in paper filed on 7/24/02 (page 4).

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